

Medical Officer's Report for the year ending December 31st 1950.

To the Chairman and Members of
the District Council.

Gentlemen, I beg to submit my Annual Report for the year 1950 and which consists mainly of statistical figures with relative information as and where this appertains to any material change from previous years.

POPULATION.

Registrar General's estimate for 1950 is 4650.

BIRTHS.

There were 70 live births during 1950. Of these 35 were males and 35 females.

Two illegitimate children are included.

The Birth Rate was 15.05 per 1,000 of the population, compared with 13.5 for 1949 and 15.8 for the country as a whole.

Five Still Births were registered.

DEATHS.

The number of deaths during 1950 was 73. Of these 37 were males, and 36 females.

The Death Rate was 15.7 per 1,000 of the population, compared with 16.1 for 1949 and 11.6 for the country as a whole.

The principal causes of death and the corresponding figures for the previous year are as follows:-

| | Male. | <u>1949.</u> Female. | Total. | <u>1948.</u> Total. |
|----------------------------|-----------|-------------------------|-----------|------------------------|
| Heart and circulation..... | 14 | 22 | 36 | 31 |
| Cancer..... | 7 | 3 | 10 | 13 |
| Tuberculosis..... | 1 | - | 1 | 2 |
| Bronchitis..... | 5 | 3 | 8 | 7 |
| Pneumonia..... | 1 | 1 | 2 | 2 |
| Influenza..... | - | - | - | 2 |
| Violence and Accident..... | 1 | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| Nephritis..... | 1 | 2 | 3 | 2 |
| Meningitis..... | 1 | - | 1 | - |
| Ulcer of Stomach..... | 1 | - | 1 | - |
| Suicide..... | - | 1 | 1 | - |
| Other Diseases..... | 5 | 3 | 8 | 12 |
| | <u>37</u> | <u>36</u> | <u>73</u> | <u>74</u> |

INFANT MORTALITY.

There were no deaths among infants, under 1 year of age.

MATERNAL MORTALITY.

No deaths occurred as the result of pregnancy.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

| | | |
|------------------------|----|------------------------|
| Measles..... | 11 | (Nursed at home) |
| Whooping Cough..... | 8 | (ditto) |
| Pneumonia..... | 1 | (ditto) |
| Erysipelas..... | 3 | (ditto) |
| Polio-myelitis..... | 1 | (Admitted to Hospital) |
| Puerperal Pyrexia..... | 1 | (Nursed at home) |
| Scarlet Fever..... | 2 | (ditto) |

TUBERCULOSIS.

| | <u>Males.</u> | <u>Females.</u> |
|---|---------------|-----------------|
| The number of cases on the register on 31/12/49 was - | 16 | 16 |
| The number of cases added to register during 1950 was - | 3 | 2 |
| The number of cases removed from register during 1950 was - | 6 | 5 |
| The number of cases remaining on register on 31/12/50 - | <u>13</u> | <u>13</u> |

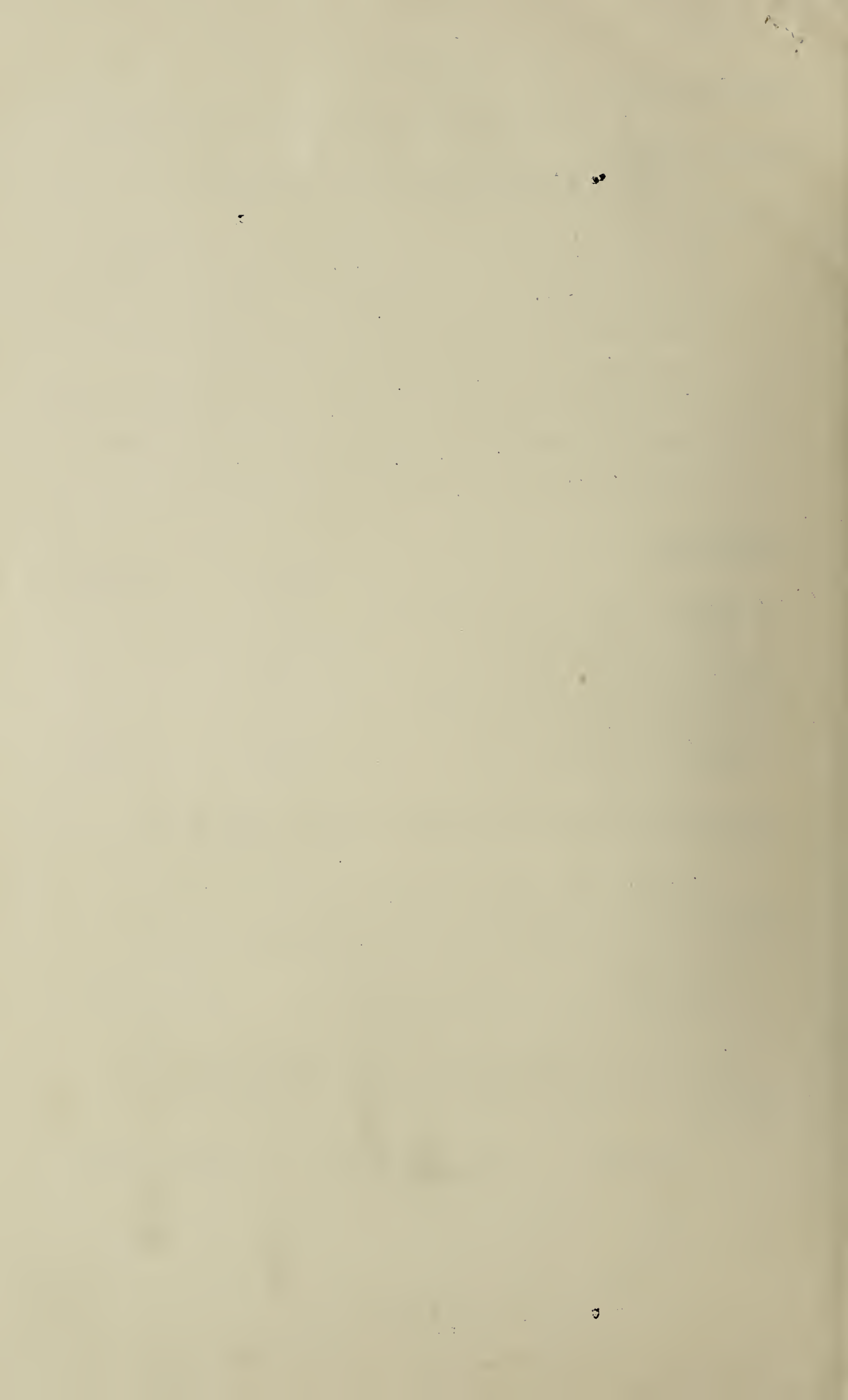
CARE OF MOTHERS AND YOUNG CHILDREN. (Service under County Council administration).

The M. & C.W. Clinic at present held in St. Mary's Church School , Hollingworth, was open from 2 pm. to 4 pm. on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month throughout the year.

| <u>NEW CASES.</u> | <u>TOTAL ATTENDANCES.</u> | <u>SEEN BY DOCTOR.</u> |
|-------------------|---------------------------|------------------------|
| 46 | 1723 | 243 |

The M. & C.W. Clinic held in the Methodist Church School. Broadbottom, was open on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday afternoon each month.

| <u>NEW CASES.</u> | <u>TOTAL ATTENDANCES.</u> | <u>SEEN BY DOCTOR.</u> |
|-------------------|---------------------------|------------------------|
| 36 | 847 | 219 |



The work on reconstruction and adaptation of the building in Hollingworth which will replace the provision in St. Mary's Sunday School is proceeding slowly but as was anticipated this all-purpose clinic was not ready for occupation at the end of 1950.

AMBULANCE FACILITIES.

The area is covered by the Hyde Health Division for both general, accident and infectious cases, the number conveyed being 1644 ; this is an increase of 371 on the number conveyed during 1949. The majority of patients were conveyed to the Ashton Group of hospitals.

PROFESSIONAL NURSING IN THE HOME.

One full-time Domiciliary Nurse and one part-time Nurse attended the sick in their homes.

MIDWIFERY.

One midwife allocated to the district attended the 18 cases in which the birth took place in the homes.

HEALTH VISITING.

One Health Visitor supervises the welfare of infants, young children, expectant and nursing mothers. Cases of Tuberculosis for Care and After-Care purposes, and any aged and infirm persons in need of attention also form part of the duties.

DOMESTIC HELP.

Domestic Helps were provided for infirmity, etc., 10 people applying for help as the result of sickness or infirmity.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA.

The report of your Sanitary Inspector has been submitted to me and is attached for your consideration and approval.

I remain,

Yours faithfully,

F. W. C. BROWN.

Medical Officer of Health.

Municipal Buildings,
Greenfield St.,
HYDE.

October, 1951.

SANITARY INSPECTOR'S REPORT for the year ended 31st DEC. 1950.

Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in submitting my report for the year 1950.

NEW BUILDINGS ERECTED DURING THE YEAR.

| | |
|-----------------|----|
| Council Houses | 11 |
| Private Houses | 3 |
| Other Buildings | 5 |

CONVERSIONS OF BUILDINGS.

| | |
|-----------------------------------|---|
| Stable to Mechanics Workshop | 1 |
| House to House and drawing office | 1 |

EXTENSIONS TO EXISTING BUILDING. 2

| | |
|-------------|---|
| Demolitions | 1 |
|-------------|---|

HOUSING.

INSPECTION OF DWELLING HOUSES DURING THE YEAR.

| | |
|---|-----|
| (a) Total number of dwellings inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts) | 69 |
| (b) Number of inspections made for this purpose | 112 |
| Number of dwelling houses found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation | 69 |

PROCEEDINGS UNDER HOUSING ACT 1936. Nil

PROCEEDING UNDER PUBLIC HEALTH ACTS.

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|--|---|
| Number of dwelling houses in respect of which Statutory notices were served on owners during year requiring defects to be remedied | 3 |
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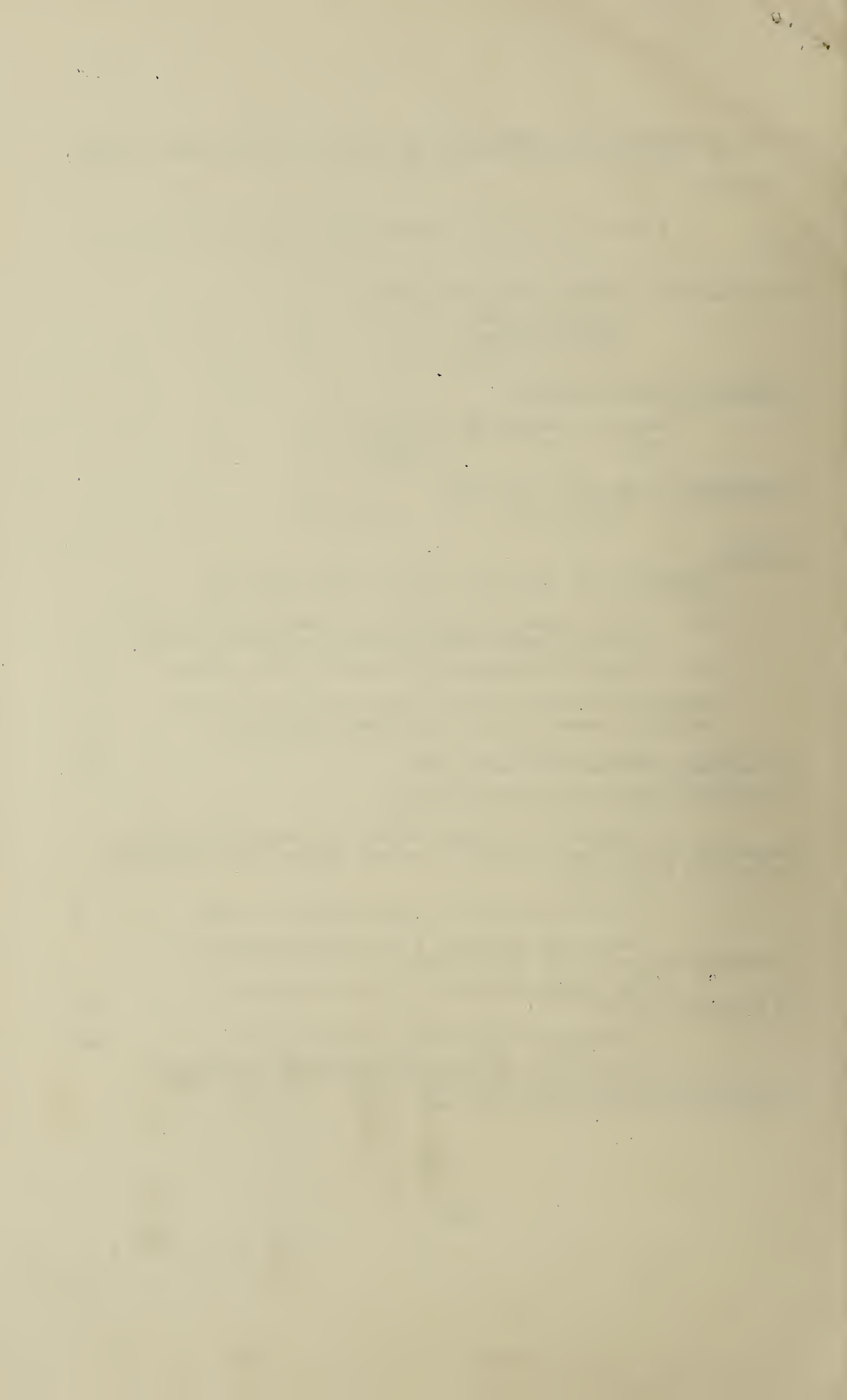
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|---|---|
| Dwellings unfit at commencement of year | 6 |
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| Dwellings rendered fit as consequence of statutory notice having been served | 1 |
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| Dwellings rendered fit as consequence of informal action | 62 |
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|--------------------------------------|----|
| Dwellings still unfit at end of year | 12 |
|--------------------------------------|----|

At the end of the year, work was in progress on two houses which were still unfit and regarding which statutory notices had been served.



INSPECTIONS AND VISITS.

| | |
|---|-------------|
| Houses | 112 |
| Drains, Closets, Septic Tanks | 334 |
| Ashbins etc. | 12 |
| Offensive Accumulations | 10 |
| Dairies and Milk Distribution Premises | 22 |
| Keeping of Animals etc. | 49 |
| Factories (Including Bakeries) | 35 |
| Workplaces | 14 |
| Food Premises | 69 |
| Premises registered Sec.14 Food and Drugs Act, 1938 | 24 |
| Slaughterhouse and Knackers' Yard | 15 |
| Offensive trades | 53 |
| Shops Acts | 16 |
| Infectious Disease Cases | 6 |
| Disinfection and Disinfestation | 46 |
| Rodent Control | 635 |
| Miscellaneous and interviews | 127 |
| | <u>1579</u> |
| Statutory Notices served | 5 |
| Informal Notices | 76 |
| Nuisance abated with or without notices | 179 |

WATER SUPPLY

During the year a small bore pipe has been laid to Pingat Lane and a stand pipe erected to serve six cottages previously supplied from a contaminated well. A further scheme to supply water to farms in Hattersley has been prepared.

Six samples of the Councils water supply have been taken with satisfactory results. This water is untreated and a good supply has been maintained throughout the year.

About 179 dwellings housing about 245 persons are served from pumps, springs and wells.

| | 1,000 gallons per day. | | | Served. | | GALLS. PER HEAD PER DAY |
|--------------|------------------------|----------|----------|---------|------------|-------------------------|
| SUPPLY | TOTAL | BUSINESS | DOMESTIC | HOUSES | POPULATION | |
| Holl. | 48.27 | 7.57 | 40.70 | 657 | 1830 | 22.4 |
| Mott.& Bbtm. | 42.55 | 5.62 | 36.83 | 904 | 2525 | 14.19 |
| | 90.82 | 13.19 | 77.53 | 1561 | 4355 | 17.87 |

SCAVENGING -HOUSE & TRADE REFUSE.

Disposal is by controlled tipping and the collection is supervised by the Engineer and Surveyor. Whenever possible this is done weekly. Salvage of waste paper has been recommenced with favourable results.

The Council have supplied 47 pails and 64 dustbins to owners of private property, the majority being voluntary requests.

SEWERAGE.

Present system has two disposal works, one serving Hollingworth, the other serving half of Broadbottom and a scheme is being promoted to enlarge these works and lay Sewers to cover Mottram and the remainder of Broadbottom. Once the sewers are laid, it is hoped that owners will voluntarily convert existing pail closets to the water carriage system.

The Council are continuing to grant up to £8. per conversion.

There have been nine conversions to fresh water carriage system in the year.

Statutory notices to convert seven pail closets to Water carriage system have been served and this work will be done early in 1951.

Approximate statistics for the District are :-

| | <u>1949.</u> | <u>1950.</u> |
|--------------------|--------------|--------------|
| Privy middens | 1 | 1 |
| Pail Closets | 725 | 719 |
| Ashbins | 1494 | 1514 |
| W.W.C. | 52 | 49 |
| F.W.C. | 971 | 1007 |
| Fresh water trough | 12 | 12 |
| Baths | 490 | 508 |

RODENT CONTROL.

The prevention of damage by Pest Act 1949 came into force on 31st March, 1950, repealing the Rats and Mice (Destruction) Act 1919 and giving the Council wider powers of pest control. The arrangements with the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries for grants towards expenses are virtually unaltered.

| TYPE OF PROPERTY. | | PREMISES. | INSPECTIONS. | TREAT- MENTS. | VISITS. |
|-------------------|-----|-----------|--------------|------------------|---------|
| Council | ... | 8 | 10 | 10 | 76 |
| Dwellings | ... | 98 | 96 | 60 | 448 |
| Business | ... | 73 | 84 | - | 84 |
| Agriculture | ... | 25 | 27 | - | 27 |
| | | 204 | 217 | 70 | 635 |

The Council's sewers have received two treatments following a 10% test bathing of manholes.

MILK ETC.

There are 50 farms in the district, 35 produce milk for sale, 5 produce milk for owners use, 10 vacant or not keeping cows.

Registrations under the various regulations are :-

| | | | |
|--------------------|---|----|-------------------|
| Distributors | 9 | | |
| Dairies | 1 | | |
| Sterilised-Dealers | 6 | .. | Supplementary - 1 |
| Pasteurised - | | | |
| Dealers | 1 | .. | " - 1 |
| Tuberculin Tested- | | | |
| Dealers | 1 | .. | " - 1 |

Inspection of these premises are made from time to time. No action has been necessary under Part VII of the Milk and Dairies Regulations 1949.

FOOD PREMISES.

On the 7th February, 1950, Byelaws were made under Section 15 of the Food and Drugs Act, 1938, in respect of handling

wrapping and delivery of food and also in connection with food offered for sale in the open air. These were confirmed by the Ministry of Food on the 19th May and came into operation on the 26th June, 1950. Copies have been distributed to all food premises.

During the year, 93 visits were made to food premises. Nineteen premises are registered for preparation and manufacture of preserved food under Section 14 of the Food and Drugs Act, 1938, and 10 for sale, manufacture or storage of ice cream.

MEAT AND FOOD INSPECTION.

A small amount of food has been voluntarily surrendered as unfit for human consumption.

CARCASES INSPECTED AND CONDEMNED.

| | Cattle excluding Cows. | Cows, Calv 3. | Sheep & Lambs. | Pigs. |
|----------------------|------------------------|---------------|----------------|-------|
| Number killed..... | - | - | - | 9 |
| Number inspected.... | - | - | - | 5 |

LICENSED SLAUGHTERHOUSES.

The four licensed slaughterhouses in the district are inspected from time to time and are used for killing and dressing pigs for private consumption.

KNACKERS YARD.

One knackers yard is licensed. This is part of Hyde Brook Works.

OFFENSIVE TRADES.

There is one offensive trade in the district and in November the Council made successful application for a Nuisance Order against the owners, Walter Hey & Sons Ltd. for emitting offensive effluvia. The firm were allowed six months to provide a water-tank capable of holding water for a day's work. This work is proceeding.

DISINFECTION AND DISINFESTATION.

Terminal disinfection has been done at a number of houses and together with infestation other than by rodents have involved 46 visits and inspections.

A quantity of contaminated clothing and bedding has been burned as well as soiled bedding from non-infective cases.

FACTORIES.

There are 23 premises on the register and 35 inspections have been made. In THREE instances, sanitary accommodation was defective and subsequently remedied. Under the Outworkers' Order, three premises have been notified and found satisfactory.

WORKPLACES.

Offices and workplaces now number 45 and those inspected have been found satisfactory.

Thanks and appreciation are due to the Officials and Staff of the Council for their assistance during the year.

Council Offices,
4, Broadbottom Rd.,
Motttram./ March 1951.

I am,
Your obedient servant,
A. SWINDELLS
Sanitary Inspector.

